

INFORMATION REPORT
CONFIDENTIAL

CD NO. [REDACTED]

Feb 79

COUNTRY Italy/USSR

DATE DISTR. 20 JUN 50

SUBJECT SIELE Mining Establishment
25X1A

NO. OF PAGES 1

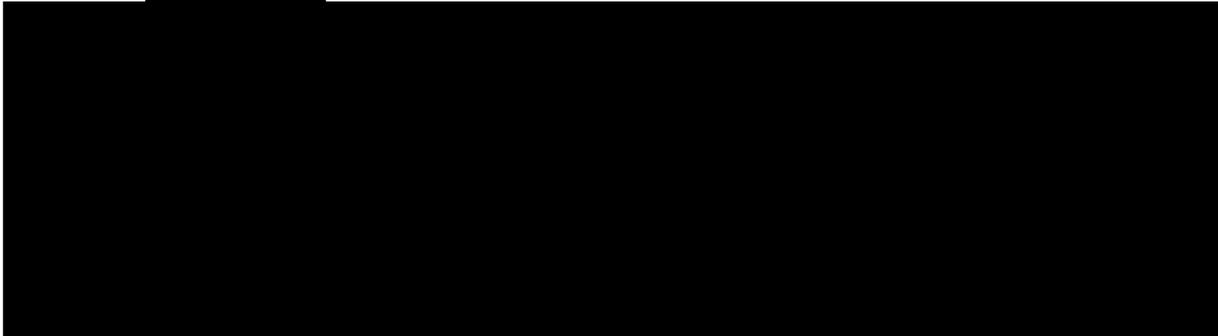
PLACE ACQUIRED [REDACTED]

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO. [REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 25X1X

Return to CIA Library



1. The SIELE mining establishment at Piancastagnaio in the province of Siena, is exclusively devoted to the mining of mercury. This establishment, including the annexed mines, employs about 380 persons. Almost all of the workers are members of the Italian Communist Party and reside in the nearby zones of Castellazzara and Santa Fiora. They reach the places of work by trucks placed at their disposition by the management of the establishment. Monthly extraction of the mineral averages about 40 tons. The sale of this product in Italy is permitted freely, while abroad it is controlled through the Mercurio Europeo which is a "cartel" between Italy and Spain. The headquarters of the Mercurio Europeo is in Rome under the general management of the Monte Amiata Company.
2. In November 1949, negotiations were concluded for the purchase on the part of the Soviet Government through the Russian Embassy in Rome of about 70 tons of mercury furnished by the SIELE mining establishment. In December 1949, the material was consigned in flasks at the port of Genoa for shipment to Russia.

Document No. 6
 No Change in Class.
 Declassified
 Class. Changed To: TS S
 Auth: HR 70-2
 Date: 080678 By: 034

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB																	
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	FBI																	

CONFIDENTIAL

RETURN TO RECORDS CENTER
IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE
JOB 53-103 BOX